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SUBJ: POSSIBLE MEXICAN DISCUSSION WITH CEMA

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1. ASKED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS (REFTEL A) REGARDING MEXICAN INTEREST IN CEMA OBSERVER STATUS, MEXICAN EMBOFF ON JUNE 27 SAID HE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO SUCH A MOVE. MEXICAN EMBOFF DESCRIBED MENDOZA BERRUETO REMARKS TO PRESS IN GENEVA AS " OVERSTATEMENT," AND SAID THAT WHILE MEXICO IS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING TRADE AND COMMERICAL RELATIONS WITH CEMA COUNTRIES, MEXICO IS NOT SEEKING SO FORMAL A RELATIONSHIP AS THAT IMPLIED BY " OBSERVER" STATUS. MEXICAN EMBOFF ADDED PERSONAL VIEW THAT SUCH MOVE TOWARD CEMA WOULD AROUSE STRONG DOMESTIC POLITICAL OPPOSITION.

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2. MEXICAN EMBOFF SAID FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI' S PRESENCE IN PRAGUE DURING CEMA SESSION WAS PURELY COINCIDENTAL AND NO DISCUSSION OF MEXICO/ CEMA RELATIONSHIP WAS INVOLVED. OUR SOURCE ADDED THAT GALLASTEGUI HAD COME TO MOSCOW SPECIFICALLY AND EXCLUSIVELY TO HEAD FIRST MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES REPORTED REFTEL B.

3. AN INDIAN DIPLOMAT COMMENTED, SHORTLY AFTER ECHEVERRIA' S VISIT HERE IN APRIL, THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THE QUESTION OF SOME FORM OF LOOSE ASSOCIATION WITH CEMA HAD ARISE DURING THE ECHEVERRIA VISIT. HE HAVE HAD NO CORROBORATION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, HOWEVER.
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